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¶1. SUMMARY: THE SITUATION IN THE WEST BANK AND IRAQ DOMINATED COVERAGE IN THE UAE MEDIA. IN "AL ITTIHAD," KUWAITI COLUMNIST

DR. SHAMLAN AL EISSA CRITICIZED THE ARABIC SATELLITE TV NETWORKS AND OTHERS FOR LABELING THE ATTACKS ON THE UN HEADQUARTERS IN IRAQ AN ACT OF LIBERATION. AN "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIAL BLAMES BOTH PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS FOR THE "DETERIORATING" SITUATION. AN "AL KHALEEJ" EDITORIAL CRITICIZED THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY'S CRACK DOWN ON THE "RESISTANCE." END SUMMARY.

¶12. UNDER THE HEADLINE "TERRORISM OR RESISTANCE?," DR. SHAMLAN AL EISSA WROTE IN ABU DHABI-BASED SEMI-GOVERNMENT "AL ITTIHAD" ON 8/24:

"... THE OPERATION WAS CONDEMNED BY ALL WORLD LEADERS, THE ARAB LEAGUE, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN, AND THE TEMPORARY (IRAQI) GOVERNING COUNCIL, BUT NOT BY ANY OF THE ARABIC SATELLITE TV CHANNELS, WHO SUPPORT THE PREVIOUS (IRAQI) REGIME AND ANTI-AMERICAN POWERS. THEY LABELED THIS ACT AN ACT OF NATIONALISM IN ORDER TO LIBERATE IRAQ FROM FOREIGN OCCUPATION. IS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN IRAQ TODAY REALLY AN ACT OF NATIONAL LIBERATION FROM A FOREIGN ENEMY? OR IS IT A SERIES OF DISORGANIZED TERRORIST ATTACKS THAT AIM TO EXPEL COALITION FORCES AND RETURN THE PREVIOUS REGIME? ... THE GOAL OR AIM OF WHOEVER PERFORMS THESE ACTS OF TERRORISM IS DEFINITELY NOT THE LIBERATION OF THE LAND, BUT TO BURN IRAQ AND ALL ITS PEOPLE, ANIMALS, AND ENVIRONMENT. THESE ACTS ARE ONLY DONE BY GANGSTERS, LIKE THE TALIBAN IN AFGHANISTAN OR AL QAEDA SUPPORTERS, OR THE GANGS OF THE PREVIOUS BA'ATH PARTY ... WHOEVER WANTS TO LIBERATE A LAND WOULD FOCUS ON COALITION FORCES DIRECTLY AND NOT KILL TRANSLATORS AND HUMANITARIAN WORKERS OF THE UN, RED CRESCENT, AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE COME TO REBUILD IRAQ AND TO BUILD DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS ON NEW FOUNDATIONS UNFAMILIAR TO THE ARAB WORLD."

¶13. BLAMING BOTH PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS FOR RECENT EVENTS, "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 8/24:

"THE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO SAVE THE ROADMAP FROM A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO ERASE IT, EITHER THROUGH APACHE MISSILES KILLING PALESTINIAN ACTIVISTS OR THE SUICIDE BOMBS THAT TAKE PALESTINIAN LIVES AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS, WILL NOT DO ANY GOOD AS SOME OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT HAVE DIFFERENT FACES THAT REVEAL KINDNESS WHILE HIDING ACTS OF TORTURE AND PUNISHMENT ... ISRAEL SHOULD END THEIR DELUSIONS OF POWER AND DOMINATION, AND PALESTINIANS SHOULD STAND IN SUPPORT OF THEIR GOVERNMENT. THAT IS, IF EVERYONE WANTS TO SAVE THE ROADMAP."

¶14. CRITICIZING THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY'S ACTS TOWARDS THE PALESTINIAN "RESISTANCE," SHARJAH-BASED PAN-ARAB "AL KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 8/25:

"... THEY (THE US ADMINISTRATION) WANT THE PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT TO BECOME AN OBEDIENT TOOL IN THE HANDS OF THE OCCUPATION AND ALLOW BUSH AND SHARON TO APPROVE THIS GOVERNMENT, SO IT DOES NOT FACE THE SAME FATE OF THE PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT, CURRENTLY UNDER SIEGE IN THE (GAZA) STRIP. THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY DOES NOT WANT TO FACE THE CURSE OF BEING CALLED A TERRORIST OR HELPING TERRORISM, AND THIS WILL LEAD TO ITS ELIMINATION. ASSERTING ITS EXISTENCE SHOULD NOT COME AT THE EXPENSE OF THE WEAPON OF RESISTANCE, WHATEVER THE GOAL THAT ABU MAZEN'S GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO PROMOTE IN ORDER TO PLEASE THE U.S. AND WHOEVER THE U.S. WANTS TO PLEASE ..."

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